

FISCAL NOTE

HB 203 - SB 82

February 14, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Davidson County school system, upon receiving a request of reassignment from a student's parent or legal guardian, to assign the student to the public school located within the county nearest the home of the student which contains the grade in which the student would be enrolled.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000

Assumes:

- State expenditures would remain the same since the number of students in the county would remain unchanged.
- Since the bill does not require that students be reassigned to schools based on the availability of space, this could result in overcrowding in some schools. Therefore, there could be increased capital costs to local government if a school is required to provide additional classroom space or portables for a large number of students who requested to be reassigned to that specific school.
- Local funds would be shifted from one school to another and the amount would be dependent upon the number of students that may request to be reassigned.
- If a school system were required to fulfill all parents' or legal guardians' requests for reassignment, the systems' transportation costs could increase significantly because dual routes would likely be needed in some areas to accommodate the transporting of students in the same neighborhood to different schools.

Note: According to the Metro Zoning Office Director, passage of this bill would put the school system in violation of the agreement reached that allowed Metro Schools to be released from the court-ordered desegregation order.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James A. Davenport, Executive Director